

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Across the U.S. classroom teachers spend approximately \$500 per year out of their own pockets on necessary classroom supplies and materials. Classroom teachers in Idaho are no different: according to a national study Idaho teachers spend an average of over \$400 dollars per year on classroom supplies and materials.

Subject to appropriation, this legislation would provide an equal distribution of funds to each K-12 public classroom teacher for classroom supplies and materials.

These funds will go directly into enriching students' classroom experience. Students benefit because needed supplies and material are now available in the classroom. These funds allow teachers to have more direct control over their own classroom funds. Teachers will have full decision-making authority over these funds. Policies will be developed to identify allowable uses and provide for full accountability.

FISCAL NOTE

This program is subject annually to “appropriated funds”. The cost to the general fund would be calculated by determining the number of eligible teachers times the allocated amount per teacher. For example, today there are 16,076 classroom teachers in Idaho. An amount per classroom teacher of \$100 would equal an appropriation of \$1,607,600.

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